

members, was founded in 1917 by Melvin Jones with a simple mission—"We Serve." Ever since, Lions Clubs across the world have been dedicated to helping those less fortunate in their communities and around the world. Lions Clubs International's goals pivot on their commitment to aiding the blind and visually impaired, followed by their dedication to serving young people—encouraging youth to serve their community without personal financial reward, with efficiency and high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

The Norco Lions Club, the largest in their district, encompasses the majority of both Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Services to the community are eye-sight programs, including eye exams and eye-glasses for children in need, and blood drives. Additionally, Norco Lions Club has founded or helped to establish the Norco Boy Scout Troop 33, Mira Loma Swan Lake Lions Club, Norco Lioness Club, Swan Lake Lioness Club, Norco Leo Club and other local community organizations. Youth outreach offers a Student Speakers scholarship program, International Peace Poster Contest, 4-H Clubs, Boy Scouts, Future Farmers of America Scholarships, D.A.R.E. programs, sports programs and local high school programs.

Mr. Speaker, volunteers are critical to fostering a spirit of understanding, good citizenship and good government in the United States and worldwide. By working so closely with the youth of today, Norco Lions Clubs, and the clubs around the world are assuring that "an active interest in the civic, culture, social and moral welfare" of our communities is passed on from generation to generation. I congratulate the Norco Lions Club on its 50th anniversary, commend its local community and international service, and wish them success for another 50 years to come.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JENNIFER L. GALIPEAU ON HER APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding young woman from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Jennifer L. Galipeau of Tiffin, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, Jennifer's offer of appointment poises her to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall within the incoming cadet class of 2005. Attending one of our nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and rewarding undertaking of their lives.

Jennifer brings an enormous amount of leadership, service and dedication to the incoming class of Air Force Academy cadets.

While attending Calvert High School in Tiffin, Jennifer attained a grade point average of 3.96, which places her sixty in a class of 72. In her high school career, Jennifer has been recognized as a National Honor Society Member, a National Science and English Merit Award Winner, Citizenship award recipient, a three time Academic Varsity letter recipient and has been counted in the Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Outside the classroom, Jennifer has distinguished herself as an excellent student-athlete. On the fields of competition, she has earned letter in cross-country and softball. She has also been active as a member of SADD, the Calvert News Staff, the French Club, and has been an assistant coach for the Tiffin ponytail softball league. Highlighting her distinguished career is her service in the Civil Air Patrol where she was named Flight Commander and the 1999 Cadet of the Year. In addition, she is a 1999 graduate of the NASA Space Academy in Huntsville, Alabama.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of rise today to pay special tribute to Jennifer L. Galipeau. Our service academies offer the finest education and military training available anywhere in the world. I am confident that Jennifer will do very well during her career at the Air Force Academy and I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing her well as she begins her service to the nation.

COMMEMORATING MERCER COUNTY'S TRIBUTE TO MRS. NELL FRANKLIN ON MAY 10, 2001

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, Nellie Irene Roop Franklin was born on a farm Southeast of Fort Recovery, Ohio, a farm that has been in the family since 1896. Nell graduated from Fort Recovery High School in 1934 and is married to Darrell Franklin. They will soon be celebrating 60 years of marriage. Nell and her husband attend the Fort Recovery Methodist Church.

Nell began her career working for a beauty shop, where she continued to work until her retirement 40 years later. During this time she was elected to village council and then filled an unexpired term as Mayor. She was later re-elected and spent 19 years as Mayor of Fort Recovery. Following her retirement from the beauty business, she remained involved in local politics by working for the Mercer County Board of Elections. She spent 17 years serving as both Director and Deputy Director. She has a total of 16 years spent as Treasurer of the Mercer County Republican Central Committee and 10 years as the President of the Mercer County Republican Women's Organization. Nell attended two Republican National Conventions as a delegate and alternate delegate from the 8th Congressional District. Nell has never missed voting in an election since she was 21.

Nell has received many awards for her community involvement including the Fort Recovery High School Distinguished Alumni Award

given to her in 1997, the Service to Community Award presented to her by the Fort Recovery Masonic Lodge #539 in September of 2000, and the Mercer County Chamber of Commerce Achievement Award awarded to her in 1996. In addition, her name is listed in the Fort Recovery Hall of Fame.

In both a professional and personal capacity, Nell has gone above and beyond in providing service to her community. Her hard work and dedication should serve as an example and an inspiration for us all. Every American should aspire to this kind of enthusiastic commitment to their community. I am proud to know and represent Nell Franklin in Congress—a hard-working woman who spent her life dedicating herself to the ideals that will help insure our country remains a great place to live with hope and opportunity for all.

IN HONOR OF THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY OF CLEVELAND

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember one of the most historic days in Vietnam history and to honor the numerous agencies and churches that helped thousands of refugees adapt to a new life in the greater Cleveland Area.

Mr. Speaker, April 30, 1975, represents one of the most historic dates in the history of Vietnam. It was on this date, twenty-six years ago, the communist troops completed their conquest of Vietnam. Mr. Speaker today, twenty-six years later, I rise to honor the memory of the 500,000 South Vietnamese soldiers and the 58,135 American service personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom and the defense of democracy in the conflict.

Mr. Speaker, today I also rise to join the Vietnamese Community of Cleveland to congratulate and thank the many agencies and churches in the Cleveland area for their outstanding efforts in providing much needed assistance to the Vietnamese refugees as they adapted to their lives in Cleveland. They represent the very best that Cleveland has to offer, and their assistance to the thousands of refugees has helped the Vietnamese Community grow.

I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in rising on this special day, to honor the memory of the hundreds of thousands of men and women who gave their life in the name of freedom and to thank, with the Vietnamese Community of Great Cleveland, the many agencies and churches that helped improve the lives of thousands of Vietnamese refugees.

TRIBUTE TO THE DICKEY DELOSS RECIPIENT, GOLD KEY AWARD

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to pay tribute to Dickey DeLoss as she